

January 21, 2011

Rush Limbaugh
1270 Avenue of the Americas
New York, NY 10020

Dear Mr. Limbaugh:

I am writing to express my concerns with your comments made on January 19, 2011 during your radio show in which you mocked Chinese President Hu Jintao with nonsense faux-Chinese sounds. I found your imitation of the Chinese language to be highly offensive and racist. Not only was your unintelligible mockery of the Chinese language damaging to the United States but also demoralizing and degrading to the Chinese American community.

Your comments were unnecessary, immature, and unacceptable in any circumstance. The Chinese in America have had a history of being racially oppressed, excluded, and discriminated against when they first arrived in our country. I am proud to see how far we as a country have come over the last 150 years and it saddens me that there are still individuals, like yourself, that want to lead our nation back in that direction.

In San José, a city of nearly 1 million residents in the heart of Silicon Valley, Chinese Americans are hard working people across all social and economic levels. Chinese Americans have made many large strides and contributions to our nation. Your actions and unwillingness to apologize for your comments is counterproductive and destructive to the values on which this diverse country is built on. The United States is a land of immigrants where all are embraced and accepted for their cultural heritage. We, as Americans, have a civic duty to respect the diverse ethnicities that make up our great nation.

I am asking for an apology for your actions that have offended the Chinese people and the millions of Chinese Americans across this nation. Your comments are an unfortunate blemish in an America that accepts all races, all genders, and all values. I am calling upon you to not repeat history and issue an apology for your comments that have offended many. I look forward to hearing your response.

Sincerely,



Kansen Chu
Councilmember
City of San José